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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The platform itself will serve as a community centre. As I said, in almost all the places platforms have been constructed and there is no need for constructing any more platforms."

SRI S. R. ARUMUGAM :—" தீண்டாமையை நீக்குவதற்காக கட்டப் பட்ட பிளாட்பாரங்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களால் உபயோகப்படுத்தப்படுவதில்லை என்பதற்குக் காரணம் என்னவென்றால் ஹரிஜன சேரிகள், ஜாதி இந்தக் கள் வசிக்கும் இடங்களிலிருந்து ரொம்ப தூரத்தில் இருப்பதுதான். அதிக தூரததில் இருப்பதால் அவைகளை உபயோகப்படுத்த முடியாத நிலைமை ஏற்படுகிறது. ஆகவே ஹரிஜனச் சேரிகளை ஜாதி இந்துக்கள் இருக்கக்கூடிய இடததிற்கு சமீபத்தில் கட்டுவதற்கு சர்க்கார் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" No, Sir."

SRI S. THINAKARASAMY THEVAR :—" Is it a fact that both Harijans and Caste Hindus are frequently using these platforms? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Yes, Sir, in several places they are using them."

Appointment of Chief Professor in English in the Presidency College.

* 1365 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the vacancy of the post of the Chief Professor in English in the Presidency College, Madras, has been filled up and if not, why not; and

(*b*) whether there was a strike of the students in IV B.A. class of the above college in the second term of the academic year 1953–54, and if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. The post of Chief Professor of English, Presidency College, has been filled up, with effect from 25th January 1954.

" (*b*) There was nothing which could at all be called a 'strike' of the students. A large number of men students of the IV B.A. class abstained from attending the Shakespeare classes taken by Srimathi G. Parthasarathy, the then Additional Professor of English, on the 16th, 19th and 23rd November 1953.

The reason for the students abstaining from attending the Shakespeare classes taken by the Additional Professor of English was that on the 12th November 1953 the Professor went to her class about 10 minutes late as she was held up in her room on account of a departmental meeting. The Class had in the meantime, become restless. Just as she entered the class, she heard the men students making cat-calls and otherwise creating noise. The girl students however were keeping quiet. Since the men-students were responsible for

the disturbance created, the Additional Professor of English made them stand while she called their names for marking attendance. The women students however were allowed to answer sitting. The men students resented this action on the part of the Additional Professor and boycotted her classes on the 16th, 19th and 23rd November 1953. Later, on 24th November 1953, the Principal advised the students suitably with the result that all the men students also attended the subsequent classes of Srimathi Parthasarathy."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" Why was the filling up of the post of Chief Professor of English in the Presidency College delayed so long?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Because we did not want to spend money, we wanted to delay the filling up of the post as far as possible."

SRI M. S. MOGRAL :—" May I know the name of the gentleman who was appointed as the Chief Professor of English?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The person appointed is a lady. Srimathi G. Parthasarathy has been appointed."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Was she directly recruited or was she already on the staff of the Presidency College at the time of her appointment as Chief Professor?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" She was Additional Professor of English in the same College before she was appointed as Chief Professor."

Construction of a bridge over the river Gowri at Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road in South Kanara.

* 1366 *Q.*—SRI K. VENKATRAMANA GOWDA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct a bridge over the River Gowri in Belure, South Kanara district (at mile 11/2 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road) under the National Extension Service Scheme ;

(*b*) if so, the estimated cost and the amount of public contribution required ; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the amount of public contribution required has been deposited with the Government and its return is now being demanded on account of failure to finalise the proposal and execute the work?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes. There is a proposal to construct a submersible bridge over the River Gowri in mile 11/1 of Ariadka-Nethicalcutla road.